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SUBJECT: LUNS VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS US AID TO TURKEY

1. AT PRIVATE PERMREP MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, SYG LUNS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO VISIT US SEPTEMBER 9 TO 11. HE POINTED OUT THAT (A) THE EC RECENTLY HAD MADE A DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING CONTINUING US EMBARGO; (B) CONGRESS WOULD SHORTLY BEGIN TO RE-CONSIDER THE EMBARGO ON US AID TO TURKEY; AND (C) HE UNDERSTOOD THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WERE NOT GOING WELL AND THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO THE AGEAN DISPUTE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. THUS HE PLANNED TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ON THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE SOUTHERN FLANK, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, TURKISH-US RELATIONS AND THE MILITARY CONSEQUENCES OF THE EMBARGO AND TURKISH ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO IT.

2. DEAN OF PERMREPS DE STAERCKE (BLEGIUM) SAID HE BELIEVED TRIP WOULD BE USEFUL. ANY STEPS THAT WOULD HELP RESOLVE THE GREEK-TURKISH CONFRONTATION AND KEEP
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THEM IN THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE IMPORTANT. ERALP (TURKEY) CONGRATULATED LUNS ON HIS INITIATIVE. HE NOTED THAT TURKISH RELATIONS WITH GREECE AND THE US ARE STRAINED BY THE US EMBARGO AND THUS IT WOULD

BE USEFUL FOR US LEADERS TO MEET WITH THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE COUNCIL. THEODOROPoulos (GREECE) WISHED
LUNS SUCCESS AND HOPED THAT THE JOINT
EFFORTS OF THE SYG AND INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS WOULD
BE HELPFUL. A BASIS CONSIDERATION, HE SAID, IS THAT
THE PROBLEMS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK REPRESENT A
E COMPLEX OF QUESTIONS INVOLVING GREEK-TURKISH RELA-
TIONS, CYPRUS, THE US EMBARGO AND OTHER ELEMENTS.
ALL ARE INTERTWINED AND MUST BE KEPT IN PERSPECTIVE.
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